

district director. During the course of his tenure there, he assisted thousands of constituents with various problems. He became an expert at resolving immigration problems and was recognized throughout the city. After nearly 13 years with Congressman OWENS, Mr. Taylor retired; however he remains active in his community.

Kenneth Taylor also devotes much of his time to music. He serves as an organist, composer, and arranger for his church in Brooklyn. Moreover, he is vice president of the 100 Men for Major Owens; member of District 65; and member of Sigma Alpha Delta.

Shortly after his arrival from his native country of Cuba, Kenneth Taylor enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in France and Germany. At the end of his enlistment, he received an honorable discharge. He, thereafter, attended Bernard Baruch College where he graduated with a bachelor of arts in management. He also received a certificate in paralegal studies from Long Island University and completed an internship with the corporate counsel of the city of New York.

Kenneth Taylor is a Beacon-of-Hope for central Brooklyn and for all Americans.

#### SALUTE TO JAMES JOHN LENIHAN

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 1997*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker. In an era when hard work and dedication to the public good sometimes seem outdated, we need to be reminded what personal character and long-term commitment mean. It is the men and woman who work hard, raise children and contribute to the quality of their neighbor's lives who are the true heroes of American life.

Jim Lenihan is such a person. Jim graduated from the University of San Francisco, married his wife, Nancy, and began a long and successful career in the insurance business which lasted forty years. During this time, Jim and Nancy raised their five children, while Jim found time to engage in a host of civic activities in Mountain View and Santa Clara County. A dedicated family man who also worked hard to give back to his community, Jim is much loved in Mountain View. In 1960, Jim began his other career in the water resources field by being elected Board Director of the Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District, the predecessor to today's Santa Clara Valley Water District in San Jose, CA.

Jim has served for 36 years on the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board as a guiding force for thoughtful water resources management. During his tenure, Jim had a leading role in the critical decisions facing the District in the development of a reliable water supply for the County. Specifically, Jim was involved in the development of the San Felipe Water Importation System, the Guadalupe River Flood Control Project, the State Water Project and a host of state and federal water policy issues. His early involvement and effective leadership to secure local, state and federal finding in support of the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project has helped make Santa Clara County and the State of California leaders in the stewardship of our water resources. One of Jim's key successes

and one which our County long profit from was Jim's hands-on involvement and support for the approval and construction of the San Felipe Division of the Central Valley Project. This project, for the first time, brought federal water into our County. His leadership was critical at a time when many did not think it was possible to overcome all the hurdles involved in bringing Federal water to our area. But Jim did.

Throughout his career, the governors of California have sought out Jim's counsel and leadership naming him to numerous boards and task forces on California's more difficult water issues ranging from Auburn Dam to the transfer of the Central Valley Project to the state. Jim also served for ten critical years as a governor's appointee to the California Water Commission. This assignment brought him to Washington to make California's case for increased funding for our water initiatives. Many stories are told of Jim's tenacious, but thoughtful support for California's projects among the appropriations committee staff and federal agencies—and what a difference he made.

I was privileged to see Jim in action last spring as he led a San Jose contingent to Washington to make the case for key funding levels for the Guadalupe River Project. His sincere feeling for the protection of his constituents, coupled with his knowledge of the appropriations process and his Irish wit and good humor made for a winning combination. This enabled the County's federal representatives to secure federal funding in difficult financial times. Jim's been working his magic for our County now for 36 years—we cannot afford for him to retire.

But retire he will in late January 1997 to Watsonville, CA, with Nancy where he will enjoy his five children and plan for the next phase of his tremendous career. We know Jim will stay involved in California water issues and as the County's elder statesman on water policy, we look forward to calling on him for his wisdom and insight in the years ahead.

And so Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my fellow Californians' utmost gratitude to Mr. Jim Lenihan for a job well-done earning him a list of sterling achievements rarely matched among our state's leaders in water policy development.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE RAIDERS OF MOWEAQUA, IL

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 1997*

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor a group of dedicated high school athletes that I am proud to say are from my district. The Central A&M Raiders football team recently won Second Place in the Illinois Class 2A State Football Championship and finished their season with a record of 12 wins and 2 losses.

The consolidated school districts of Assumption and Moweaqua have produced a football dynasty in central Illinois. This season the Central A&M Raiders made their third appearance in the Illinois State High School Football Championship Game and this is also the third time that the Raiders have brought

home the second place trophy. Unfortunately for the Raiders, the third time was not the charm for the State championship. However, I believe that there are no losers in a State championship game, because both of the teams playing are winners already.

Having the opportunity to play in a State championship game in any sport is a great accomplishment that cannot be attained without hard work. I commend the Raiders students, coaches, and fans for their hard work and dedication to the sport of football as well as the loyalty that they have shown for their school.

For the record, I would like to list the names of the players, coaches, managers, cheerleaders, and pom-pom squad members involved in the success of the 1996 Central A&M Raiders Football Team. First, the players: Jim Dial, Ryan Dorsey, Craig Fathauer, Ross Forlines, Joe Gould, Matt Hite, Jim Hunt, Travis Kerby, Drew Moore, Aaron Potsick, Tim Prosser, Trent Rodman, Wes Shanks, Wes Temples, Jeremy Buckles, Jason Churchill, Virgil Coffman, Bob Hogan, B.J. Jordan, Perry Jordan, Mike McLain, Jeremy Medler, Brad Reatherford, Jon Simmons, Richard Stuart, Darin Wall, Derek Wall, Tim Webster, Jeff Carter, Brent Damery, Graham Danyus, Justin Dirks, Jacob Elder, Adam Germscheid, Ross Minott, Josh Monson, Nathan Morrison, Chris Stringer, Andy Tibbs, and Brandon McVey. Coaching the Raiders were Mark Ramsey, Gerald Temples, Brett Hefner, Doug Morrell, Brad Kerby, Mike Lees, and Jerit Medler. Team managers were John Allison and Jesse Adrian. The cheerleaders included Amanda Bilyeu, Bidget Bilyeu, Amber Blades, Jody Burckhardt, Michelle Matlock, Courtney Nicol, Jennifer Ramsey, Abbey Seifert, Amy Seifert, Jenny Vincent, Brianne Wempfen, and Hilary Wooters. Members of the pom-pom squad are Brooke Boitz, Kelly Clutter, Amanda Dorsey, Amanda Flemming, Jennifer Ludlum, Neely Sloan, Ronda Sloan, and Tiffany Wilson.

On behalf of the 19th District of Illinois, I extend my congratulations to the Central A&M Raiders on another successful season. As the words to your fans' favorite cheer says, "We are proud of you."

#### PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS FOR THE HOMELESS; THE VOTING RIGHTS OF HOMELESS CITIZENS ACT OF 1997

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 1997*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as the 105th Congress convenes today, I am pleased to reintroduce the Voting Rights of Homeless Citizens Act of 1997. The purpose of this legislation is to enable the homeless, who are citizens of this country, to vote. The bill would remove the legal and administrative barriers that inhibit them from exercising this right. No one should be excluded from registering to vote simply because they do not have a home. But in many States, the homeless are left out and left behind. That is not right. It is not fair. It is not the way of this country.

During this century, we have removed major obstacles that prevented many of our citizens from voting. Not too long ago, people had to